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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 128

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SUBJECT: REPORTING OF NEWS BY VOA CORRESPONDENT IN INDIA

1. EMBASSY AND USIS UNDERSTAND THAT VOA CORRESPONDENT MILLER HAS BEEN

INSTRUCTED BY SENOR USIA (OR VOA) AUTHORITY TO FILE NEWS
REPORTS ON BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA WITHOUT REGARD TO
CENSORSHIP OR GOI PRESS GUIDELINES.

2. ADCM AND ACTING PAO NEW DELHI HAVE INSTRUCTED MILLER
TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS PENDING CONFIRMA-
TION THAT THIS POLICY HAS JOINT STATE-USIA APPROVAL.

3. MILLER HAS DIPLOMATIC TITLE (1ST SECRETARY) IN INDIAN DIP-
LOMATIC LIST. GOI DECISION TO EXPEL HIM FOR VIOLATION OF OFFICIAL
GOI PRESS GUIDELINES WOULD NECESSITATE FORMAL ACT TO DECLARE HIM
PERSONNA NON GRATA AS OPPOSED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPULSION USED FOR
OTHER FOREIGN NEWSMEN. THIS WOULD THUS INVOLVE DIRECT GOVT-TO-
GOVT PROBLEM AND WOULD FOR FIRST TIME TURN THE PRESS REPORTING
ISSUE INTO A DIRECT FOREIGN POLICY QUESTION IN INDO-US RELATIONS.

4. WITHOUT PREJUDGING MERITS OF WHETHER ULTIMATELY MILLER SHOULD BE
AUTHORIZED TO FILE WITHOUT CENSORSHIP OR ATTENTION TO GOI GUIDELINES
(WHICH IN ITSELF WOULD REPRESENT CHANGE FROM PRACTICE OF LAST
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FOUR WEEKS), EMBASSY AND USIS WISH CLARIFICATION THAT FOREIGN POLICY

ASPECTS OF ISSUE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AS WELL AS INFORMATION
POLICY ASPECTS.

5. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WITHDRAWING VOA CORRES-
PONDENT IF CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON HIS REPORTING ARE UNACCEPTABLE,
RATHER THAN ENTERING INTO OFFICIAL CONFRONTATION WITH GOI BY DEFYING
THEIR GUIDELINES. FORMER COURSE IS ONE BBC APPEARS TO HAVE ADOPTED.

6. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT SEEN THIS MESSAGE. WE WILL ADVISE ON
HIS CONCURRENCE TOMMORROW.
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SIGCNTR NOTE: MISSING MCN'S WILL BE GIVEN NEXT OPENING BUSINESS
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